

REMARKS

Before this amendment, claims 1, 4, 5, and 8-20 were pending before the Examiner. In this amendment, Applicants cancel claims 4 and 8, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein, amend claim 1 to more particularly claim the invention, and add claims 21-23. Amendments to claim 1 are indicated in the attached appendix with insertions noted by underlining and deletions noted by square brackets. No new matter has been added. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1, 5, and 9-23 will remain pending, with claims 9-20 withdrawn from consideration. Applicants respectfully request timely examination and allowance of the claims.

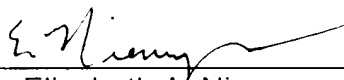
Applicants also request that with this examination the Examiner recharacterize the drawings filed as formal drawings and submit them to a draftsman for review. Applicants filed formal drawings with this application on April 27, 2000, and were surprised with their characterization as informal. (See Attachment to Paper No. 6.)

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APPENDIX

1. (Twice amended) A method of generating ions, comprising:

heating an ion source material composed of indium [iodide] monoiodide (InI) at a temperature of not lower than 250°C and not higher than 380°C to produce a desired ion beam current effective [,] to generate vapor of said indium [iodide] monoiodide (InI); and

generating indium (In) ions by discharging said vapor.